GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TRAFFICKING OF LABOURERS
Kumar Dr. Virendra

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports of many skilled/unskilled labourers engaged in the building construction sector in the country being allegedly trafficked abroad and if so, the facts in this

(b) whether these labourers are being exploited and paid low wages and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of such incidents reported to the Government during the last three years; and

(d) the details of the punitive action taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS GENERAL (RETD.) SHRI V.K. SINGH

(a) As per the information received from the Indian Missions there is no report of trafficking of skilled/ unskilled labourers in the building construction sectors of those countries.

(b)to (d) Do not arise. However, any complaint received in this Ministry regarding exploitation of emigrant labourers is attended to without exception. If a registered recruiting agent is involved, action as per Emigration Act is taken against such agents. If an unregistered agent is involved, the complaints are referred to concerned State Governments for investigation and action for violation of Section 10 of Emigration Act 1983, and other provisions of the law of the land, as appropriate. After investigating the case, prosecution is sanctioned wherever necessary.